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Sale of Arms to China Could Harm U.S. Forces

Washington D.C.—Today the House Armed Services Committee, in conjunction with the House International Relations Committee, held a hearing on arms exports to China. Such exports could provide China with technology that could ultimately be used against the United States in future conflicts.

“The Taiwan Straits is the most dangerous place on earth. While armed conflict is not a foregone conclusion, we must avoid anything that will make it more likely,” said **Ranking Member Ike Skelton (D-MO)**.

“If the European Union were to lift the arms embargo, it would both send the wrong political signal and would potentially put American forces at risk in a future conflict,” **Skelton** continued. “I urge our European allies to maintain this important embargo.”

Representative Susan Davis (D-CA) added, “At the same time, American industries cannot afford mixed signals from their own government when they fight to be competitive in a global marketplace. This administration must ensure the ways with which it regulates our own exports are carefully considered and consistently applied.”

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